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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2161 Technology Center 2100

Application No.: 09/037,916

Examiner: Hyung S. Sough

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For: ELECTRONIC PURSE SYSTEM HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED  
PURSE, IC CARD APPLICABLE TO THE ELECTRONIC PURSE  
SYSTEM, IC CARD TRANSACTION APPARATUS HAVING A DOUBLE-  
STRUCTURED PURSE, IC CARD TRANSACTION SYSTEM HAVING A  
DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE, AND IC CARD APPLICABLE TO THE  
IC CARD SYSTEM

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 16, 2001

Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the non-final Office Action dated January 18, 2001, setting a three-month shortened statutory time period for a reply. A Petition for Extension of Time for one-month is submitted herewith extending the time for response to May 18, 2001.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in the Application.